



SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

Exodus 24:3–8

Psalm 115:12–13, 15 and 16bc, 17–18 (R. 13)

Hebrews 9:11–15

Mark 14:12–16, 22–26

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Hail, Festival Day!

Hail, Day of Sion's sweetest hymns!

Hail, Day of timeless adoration!

Hail, Day of lavish jubilation!

Hail, Day of our most fragrant incense!

Hail, Day of flowers strewn before their Maker!

Hail, Day of flames dancing in the presence of the Fire!

Hail, Day of a silence that is song!

Hail, Day of a song become silence!

Hail, Day made radiant by the Face that shines like the sun in full strength!

Hail, Day made lovely by the Face of the fairest of the children of men!  
Hail, Day rising to see the Face once hidden in the tabernacle of the Virgin's womb!  
Hail, Day rejoicing in the Human Face of God concealed in bread and wine!

Hail, Eucharistic Face reflecting the Glory of the Father  
and bearing the very stamp of His nature!  
Hail, Eucharistic Face, Living Icon of the Father!  
Hail, Eucharistic Face, Epiphany of the Father's Love!  
Hail, Eucharistic Face, Kindly Light amidst the gloom!

Hail, Eucharistic Face of the Crucified in the Sacrament of Your abiding presence!  
Hail, Eucharistic Face of Life conquering death!  
Hail, Eucharistic Face of Mercy rising in the night with healing in your rays!  
Hail, Eucharistic Face, Sweetness leaving no bitterness!

Hail, Eucharistic Face of the Risen One,  
filling earth and heaven with glory  
from the rising of the sun even to its setting  
in the offering of your pure and eternal Oblation!  
Hail, Eucharistic Face raising the dead to life!  
Hail, Eucharistic Face breathing peace into every troubled place!  
Hail, Eucharistic Face, revelation of a Heart full of mercy and ready to forgive!

Hail, Eucharistic Face of the Ascended One!  
Hail, Eucharistic Face of the High Priest interceding for us beyond the veil!  
Hail, Eucharistic Face of the Victim reconciling heaven and earth!  
Hail, Eucharistic Face all ablaze with the Holy Spirit's fire!

Hail, Eucharistic Face of the King who will return in glory!  
Hail, Eucharistic Face hidden from the powerful, the clever, and the wise!  
Hail, Eucharistic Face revealed to the pure of heart!  
Hail, Eucharistic Face familiar to little children and to those like them!

Hail, Eucharistic Face of the Divine Wayfarer!  
Hail, Eucharistic Face, unrecognized and unknown in the midst of men!  
Hail, Eucharistic Face shrouded in silence,  
and with us always, even unto the consummation of the world!

Hail, God-With-Us!  
Hail, God-Turned-Toward-Us!  
Hail, God who with immense yearning desire to share your Pasch with us!  
Hail, God-in-Search-of-Those-Who-Hunger!  
God-in-Search-of-Those-Who-Thirst!  
Hail, O inexhaustible and precious Chalice!

Hail, Day of the Altar and of the Blood!

Hail, Day of the new and everlasting covenant!  
Hail, Day that calls us anew to obedience:  
“All that the Lord has spoken we will do,  
and we will be obedient” (Ex 24:7).  
“This is my Body which is given for you.  
This Chalice poured out for you is the new covenant in my Blood.  
Do this in remembrance of me” (cf. Lk 22:19–20).

Hail, Day of the Blood without which there is no pardon!  
Hail, Day of the Blood poured out for the refreshment of the weary!  
Hail, Day of the Blood that flows, a river of mercy in the wastelands of sin!  
Hail, Day of the Blood that vanquishes demons!  
Hail, Day of the Blood that consoles in sorrow!  
Hail, Day of the Blood that cleanses the entire world of sin!  
Hail, Day of the Blood of Christ, Victim and Priest!  
Hail, Day of the Blood presented in the sanctuary not made by hands!  
Hail, Day of the Blood offered on earth as it is in heaven!

Hail, Precious Chalice lifted up for all to see!  
Hail, Precious Chalice, thanksgiving sacrifice worthy of God!  
Hail, Precious Chalice held to the lips of the martyrs!  
Hail, Precious Chalice strengthening every witness!  
Hail, Precious Chalice making pure the impure!  
Hail, Precious Chalice containing the Fire of the Divinity!  
Hail, Precious Chalice, the antidote for every poison!  
Hail, Precious Chalice, the remedy for every ill!

Hail, Day of the Upper Room made ready for eternity!  
Hail, Day of the Pasch without end!  
Hail, Day of the Bread lifted up in Christ’s holy and venerable hands!  
Hail, Day of the blessing uttered by His sacred lips!  
Hail, Day of the Body forever given and of the Blood forever poured out!  
Hail, Day of the Cenacle opened to every nation on earth!  
Hail, Day of the Mystical Supper open to the poor, the sick, the lame, and the blind!  
Hail, Day of Heaven’s open door!  
Hail, Day of the Supper of the Lamb!

Hail, Day that sees us prostrate before the Eucharistic Face of God!  
Hail, Day on which men do the work of Angels!  
Hail, Day on which Angels stand amazed  
before the Mystery set before the children of men!  
Hail, Day that passes too quickly and never passes!  
Hail, Day that begins in time the joys of eternity!  
Hail, Day that fills the earth with a foretaste of heaven!  
Amen. Alleluia.